

Cumbernauld COMMUNITY PARK



A place for everyone in Cumbernauld

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A Year in our BBC Breathing Place - 2009



The creation or rather regeneration of the BBC Breathing Place next to St Andrews and Cumbernauld Primaries has taken a leap forward. Weeds such as thistles had

such a hold that even a first spraying of herbicide has been inadequate. However there has been a complete makeover for what was a derelict site with two ponds, a boardwalk plus 3,000 bluebells planted and some wild garlic in the wooded shelter belt. These should gradually increase and make a spectacular walk alongside the Buddleia, Rose of Sharon and Potentilla planted to attract bees and butterflies.

The picture above shows a view through part of the wild flower meadow with the ponds and boardwalk in the middle and the Storypole at the far end. Designs by pupils at the adjacent schools are carved into the Storypole to show some of the history and biodiversity of Cumbernauld and the neighbouring Community Park. Next to the Storypole, which was inaugurated by Sarah Brown, the Youth MSP from Ayr, are four benches with designs by the pupils at Eastfield Primary.

Last summer the ponds attracted swarms of swallows, as many as twenty at a time, swooping and diving down to pick up mud for nest building. In late October 2009 fifteen butterflies were counted on one branch of Buddleia beside the path. Already there has been a major change in the biodiversity and range of habitats in this site. In the years ahead, we should see further species such as frogs, newts and dragon flies attracted to the water which will also bring in small creatures.

Work by the North Lanarkshire Council (NLC) grounds staff has started early in order to prepare the area for seeding with a wild flower mix which will merge with the planting which is ongoing in the wetter parts of the site. There are also around 600 small trees planted.

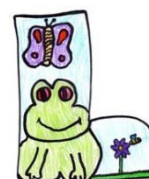
Many thanks to the NLC officers, teachers, pupils and volunteers for their contribution to-date.

The BBC Breathing Place was recognised as the best Community Environmental Project at the 2009 North Lanarkshire Awards ceremony in October 2009.

Another Enjoyable Walk in the Park



Following on from the success of last year, we decided to repeat the Walk in the Park event on April 25. We contacted all primary schools in the Cumbernauld/Croy area and invited the children to design a welly. We had an amazing response with over 560 entries but only ten could be chosen for use in the "Hunt the Welly" competition. However, due to all the hard work and effort from the children we decided to upload the images to our website on a temporary basis. Please visit our Welly Galleries in the photos section of the website to appreciate their creativity and talent. The winners of the "Welly Hurling" competition were Marianne Bryant (24.5m) for the adults, and Gabriel Lindsay (18.1m) for the juniors. New this year, a "Dress the scarecrow" competition. Vote now, in the online poll for your favourite scarecrow.



FUN IN THE PARK

Sunday, May30 12noon-4pm



Website: <http://www.cumbernauldcommunitypark.org.uk>

Email: friends@cumbernauldcommunitypark.org.uk

Check out the website – it's worth a visit!

There have been a number of changes to our website. You can find more detailed information on the BBC Breathing Places site, the Local Plan Submission, WIAT paths and the Wetlands development.

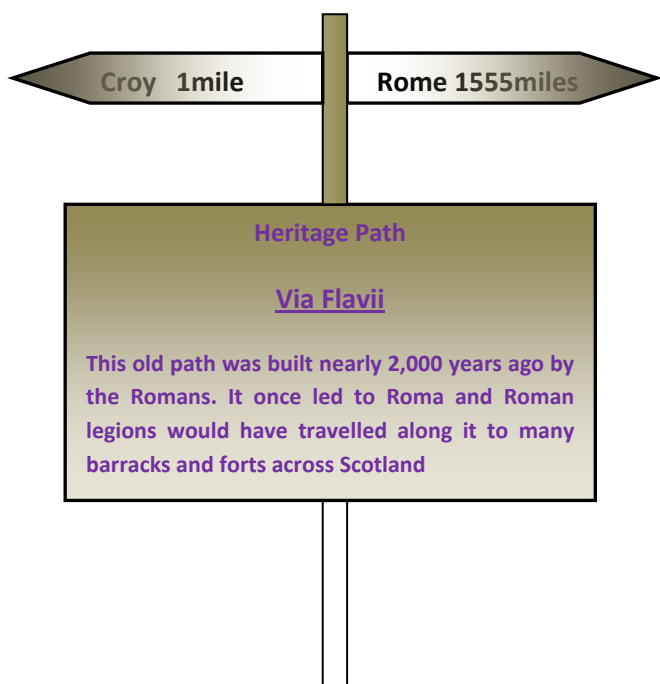


We have introduced a [Visitor's Gallery](#) and invite people to submit photos for inclusion in a living calendar capturing the changing seasons in the park.

We also have galleries linked to the various events and projects taking place in the park. This is where you can see even more welly designs!

We have a [subscribers mailing list](#) so we can keep you up-to-date and send out reminders for forthcoming events. We just added a [volunteers mailing list](#) and would ask that anyone who might be able to spare an hour to two from time to time to help out at events or other activities to sign up via the website.

Our New Heritage Path



The hedge above St Andrews & Cumbernauld Primary Schools contains the last remnant of the Roman road which ran behind the Antonine wall. Traces can be seen from the air going towards Kirkintilloch and Glasgow and east towards Castlecary.

This year, new Heritage signs will be installed at the Roman altar, the schools and at the west end to explain the significance of this old route used by Romans, monarchs and drovers.

Fun in the Park

Stage Events - 30 May 2010

MC Joanne O'Brien

- 12.00noon **Gospel Music - Craighalbert Church**
- 12.45 **BLOK Dance Troupe**
- 13.00 **First Chryston BB Pipe Band**
- 13.20 **Demon Drummers**
- 13.35 **Karate –Bo (Quarterstaff) Demo**
- 13.45 **Sound Cradle – Rock Group**
- 14.30 **BLOK Dance Troupe**
- 14.40 **Celestians – Pop Rock Band**
- 15.10 **Awards – Entrance Raffle**
- 15.20 **David Swan - Jazz**
- 15.35 **Sound Cradle with Gospel Music and Guests**

Organiser Sarah Thomson

Workshops

- 12.00 **Clyde Football Club**
- 12.30 **Mountain Bike Demo (on the Rocks)**
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- 15.00 **Karate Class**



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